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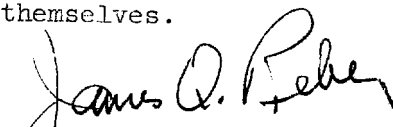
Psychological Strategy Board

25X1 Informal and completely unofficial discussion between individuals in State and relative to the coming meeting of the PSB reveals that State is not altogether pleased with the trend being taken by the Board and its Staff. Mr. Webb may raise the problem at the forthcoming meeting.

Instead of making a survey to determine the current status of U.S. psychological operations (entailing an examination of NSC policies of the existing psychological plans and programs to implement them), State may indicate their preference to have the PSB Staff address individual high-priority problems which admittedly need immediate attention.

It is believed that State would not object to the PSB and its Staff making policy recommendations even in the overt political, economic (and military) fields as long as all their supporting arguments were based entirely on psychological factors--such as the effect such a policy would have on the minds of the people affected. There is some doubt, however, that such a limitation is understood by the PSB Staff.

Mr. Webb may also mention the desirability of a greater exchange of information between the several agencies as to their activities in the psychological field. He may suggest a series of joint briefings for the PSB members themselves.


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| <div data-bbox="105 386 319 441"></div> | DULLES | 11/1/51 | NONE | You have already discussed the matter with Mr. Barrett of the State Dept. and Mr. Gray of PSB. | DDCI/P |

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